

The Caledonian Mercury.

Edinburgh, Tuesday, November 8, 1726.

From the London Gazette, Nov. 1.

Madrid, Oct. 21.

TH. E. Marquis de los Balbafes, who was appointed some Months ago his Catholick Majesty's Ambassador to the King of Portugal, to demand the Infanta of Portugal for the Prince of Asturias, has received Orders to be in a Readiness to set out for Lisbon; and accordingly he is sending thither his Coaches and Equipage, which are very rich and magnificent.

The Marquis d'Abrantes, his Portuguese Majesty's Ambassador to this Court, for making the Demand of the Infanta of Spain for the Prince of Brazil, is set out from Lisbon the Beginning of the next Month; the greatest Part of his Equipage is already arrived. This Day their Catholick Majesties came from St. Ildefonso to the Escorial, where they will reside for some Weeks. The Duke of Bourbonville is expected here Tomorrow from the Escorial; there is a Report that his Journey as Ambassador to Vienna is put off for some Time. The 3 Ships of Admiral Somersdike's Squadron lately put into Cadix, have been forced out of that Harbour by virtue of the Orders sent by this Court to all the Governors of the Sea-ports in Spain, not to admit any Dutch Men of War. Letters from Cadix of the 15th Inst. relate, that a 60 Gun Ship is arrived there from Genoa, being one of the 3 bought by the Marquis de Mari, who is to come to Cadix with the other 2 himself. They write, that the said Ship is very slight, and her Guns so old, that they are not fit for Service; and that 2 Advice-boats are ready to sail, one for the Havana, and the other for Carthagena, they only wait for their Dispatches.

From the St. James's Evening-Post, Nov. 1.

Amsterp, Nov. 1. Two Ships belonging to the Ostend Company will sail the 9th Instant, and two more by next full Moon.

Grodno, Oct. 16. The General Diet here has some Days been busied about the Security of the Polish Frontiers bordering upon Prussia, which has occasioned many Speeches: The Disputes at length rose

to such a Height, that had not the Marshal limited the Hour of their Sitting, the same had ended with Sabre Work; the Ambition of the Poles being risen to such a Pitch, that the Court Party has much ado to bring them into a pacifick Temper.

Vienna, Oct. 23. Some pretend to certain Advice, that General Scuytemberg has concluded a Treaty at London with that Court, and the Republick of Venice and another Power; but the Venetian Ambassador here pretending to know nothing of the Matter, the Imperial Court is resolved to write to its Ministers.

Paris, Nov. 6. N. S. They write from Grenoble, That a Gentleman in that Neighbourhood, riding out with his Servant, and happening to be benighted, he went to a Lady's House about two Leagues from thence, who had that very Day received 15,000 Livres of a Notary at Grenoble, and desired the Favour of a Bed. The Lady at first made some Hesitation, but had too much Compassion to turn her unknown Supplicant to shift in the dark. The Gentleman and his Servant were admitted, and between twelve and one a'clock at Night, when the Family was in Bed and asleep, the House was attacked by four Rogues who knocked at the Door and demanded immediate Entrance, threatening to cut the Door in Pieces with their Axes; the Servants refusing to open the Door they went to Work accordingly. The Lady taking it for granted, that the Stranger she had admitted was at the Head of this Design, went to his Chamber and begged him to spare her Life, and take her Money: But the Gentleman being told the Reason of her Fright, got up and ran to the Door with his Servant; and being provided with Pistols, fired thro' the Holes which the Rogues had made with their Axes, killed two of them upon the Spot, and mortally wounded another. The 4th who made his Escape has been taken since, and appears to be the very Notary that had paid the Lady 15,000 Livres and came with three Villains to rob her. On the 8th past as the King was going to Hunting in his great Berling, drawn by eight Horses, overturned in a Sandy Way, but neither his Majesty nor any of the

the Eleven Lords who were with him in the Berlin, and many other Villages; the Peasants running hither and thither in order to assist. But we have received any Hurt.

Vienna, Oct. 23. We hear the Court of Berlin designs to send the Count de Trushe to Petersburg, with a Commission relating to the Affairs of Courland.

From the Evening Post, November 1.

Dantzick, Oct. 23. Letters from Grodno say, that it was proposed to continue the sitting of the Diet no longer than four Weeks, if that Motion is agreed to, the Diet must break up the 27th Instant. The same Letters add, that upon this Motion the Deputies of the Province retired to their own House, to consider of the Religious Grievances, in which several Protestant Powers concern themselves; and that this Affair occasioned as much Warmth as that of Courland, insomuch that it is no easy Matter to foresee what Success this Session of the Polish Diet will have. The several Foreign Ministers have not as yet, imparted their Commissions to the Deputies; but the Minister of Russia, taking upon him to concern himself in the Debate about Courland, was told that as the Republick of Poland does not in the least Trouble herself about the Government of the Czarina, they will not suffer her to meddle in Affairs which depend entirely upon the Republick, whereupon the said Minister answering in very imperious Terms, was told, they were no Ways inclined to submit to his Judgement.

They write from Paris, That Prince Kurakin the Russian Minister, has lately proposed Terms of Alliance between his most Christian Majesty and the Czarina; and that the Ceremonies, &c. which obstructed an Accommodation betwixt the Crowns of France and Portugal, are now removed. The Duke de Maine and the Count de Toulouse are now more in the Administration than ever, and labour earnestly to bring about a Reconciliation betwixt the Courts of France and Spain.

From the Amsterdam Gazette, Nov. 5.

Schaffhausen, Oct. 26. There has been a great Alarm in several Places of Swisserland, in the Night Time on the 19th and 20th Inst. on Occasion of a Light which appeared from 7 a'clock till Midnight, and that it was generally thought to have been a great Conflagration. At Bern there was a great Stir, the People imagining that some neighbouring City was on Fire. At Neuchattel the Governour was on Horseback for some Hours, to give the Necessary Directions in case of Accident: They likewise rung the Bells, as they did also at Lauzanne

learned since that it was only a Phenomenon.

From the Supplement to the Amsterdam Gazette, Nov. 5.

Grodno, Oct. 16. Last Sunday being the 13th Inst. the Envoy of the Ottoman Porte had publick Audience of the King, wherein he presented his Majesty a Letter from the Sultan, and another to the Prime for the Republick.

Follows the Translation of the *Rescissory Diploma*, touching the Affairs of Courland.

AUGUSTUS II. by the Grace of God, King of Poland, &c. Forasmuch as We have always regarded the Friendship and Affection of our most dear the Burghers and Inhabitants of this Kingdom, as the first and most solid Principle of Our Reign; and that We have constantly endeavoured, and do still endeavour, to enlarge the Frontiers of this Republick, and to rejoin thereto its dismembred Provinces: For these Causes, and to obviate all Pretexts which might create any Dissidence betwixt Majesty and Liberty, in Consequence of the *Pacta Conventa* and our present *Diploma*, We have graciously been pleased to promise and engage Our Royal Word, That We will not permit any Person to dismember the Province of Courland from the Body of the Republick, whereof it has been so long a Part, and which, pursuant to the *Pacta* or *Conventional Submission*, ought again to fall under the Dominion of the King, and that of the States of the Kingdom and Great Dutchy of Lithuania, after the Demise of Duke *Ferdinand* without Male Issue.

With this View, and to take all Hopes from those who shall aspire to that Succession, We declare, That We will never grant the Investiture of any new Duke, either separately by Our selves, or jointly with the States.

Nor will We give Aid to any whosoever, directly or indirectly; on the contrary, We send Orders to Count Maurice of Saxony forthwith to retire from the Dutchy of Courland, and never to return thither again, nor to claim any Interest there, upon any Pretext, Pretension or Title whatsoever.

We declare moreover, That We shall oblige the foresaid Duke to deliver up all Instruments and Acts which have been made in his Favour in a prohibited Assembly, and to restore them to the States of this Republick now assembled in Diet, as being of no Force; and the Courlanders who were the

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Authors of these Instruments and Acts, shall be judged before our Tribunals therefore.

We Permit and Ordain, that the present Diploma, Signed by Us, and Sealed with the Seals of the Crown and of the great Duchy of Lithuania, should be put into the Hands of the Marshal of the Diet, and registred not only in the Book of Laws, but in the Matricular Book of each Palatinate, &c.

From Mif's Weekly Journal, Octob. 29.

They write from Madrid, that the Gallions are ordered home to Spain, under a Convoy of sixteen Spanish Men of War. The Emperor and the King of Spain have lately given each other mutual Assurances to stand firmly to the Treaty lately concluded at Vienna; so that there is scarce any Room from the present Posture of Affairs to doubt of a War approaching.

The Dutch have obliged themselves to present the Algerines with the following Things, on Account of the Treaty lately concluded, viz. 6 large Iron, and 4 large Brass Guns, 400 Barrels of Gun-Powder, 25 large Masts, 4 large Cables, 400 Musquet Barrels, 400 Seymiter Blades, 4000 great Shot, a private present to the Dey, and the same to the Chief Officers.

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, Nov. 3.

Since our last arrived a Mail from France.

SIR John Jennings came to Town this Week from Greenwich, and has since given Account to his Majesty of his Voyage towards the Streights. 'Tis expected the like will be done in a very few Days by Sir Charles Wager, in relation to his Voyage to the Baltick. He was seen Tuesday last off Harwich. They met with very great Storms in their Passage, but 'tis hoped none of them received Damage.

The Czarina has not, as we can learn, given a favourable Answer to the new Proposals said to have been made her for an amicable Accommodation. But how much soever she may have the Interest of the Duke of Holstein at Heart, such Methods will be pursued by the combin'd Fleets, as must oblige her to a Compliance.

Mean-time some People are doubtful, whether after all the States of Sweden will consent to the Accession to the Hanover Treaty; they pretending among other Things, their Unwillingness to act in Opposition to the Interest of the Duke of Holstein, who they say may one Day be their King. But Accounts from the Hague say, That a Majority of the

Secret Committee had actually declared in Favour of the Hanover Treaty.

We have an Account from Gloucester that John How Esq; came to that City last Week, and declared himself Candidate for Member of Parliament, in Room of John Snell Esq; and 'tis said above 600 of 900 Freemen of that City have promised him their Votes; That on the 23d past died in a very advanced Age, at his Seat at Dumbleton, Sir Richard Cox, one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace, his Estate falls to his Nephew, and the Title to his Brother.

The honourable Mr. Pelham Secretary at War, and his Spouse the Lady Mannors, are gone to Bishopton, one of the Duke of Newcastle's Seats in Suffex.

Dublin, Oct. 25. We have received the Melancholly Account of the inhumane Butchery of Father John Gaffney, Parish Priest of Longford, whose Servant Maid murdered him with a Mallet, by knocking his Brains out the 9th Inst. She afterwards robbed his Coffers of a good Sum of Money; but was soon after taken and committed to Jail. There are lately come from England several Robbers, Artists in their Trade, who keep in all Day, and at Night go lurking thro' the City, and scarce any Thing is heard but Murder cried out every Night. Close Search is made Night and Day, but none are yet taken. We hear there is a Ship driven in or taken by one of our Coasters, near Kingsail, who had a great many Men on board, with small Arms. 'Tis Thought she was bound for the Highlands of Scotland for the Service of the Pretender.

The Squadron under Admiral Wager is safe arrived in the Downs from the Baltick.

The Advices by the French Mail run most upon the Diversion which the King and the Princes of the Blood, with the Lords of the Court, continue daily to take, in hunting the Stag, Wild Boar, &c. And upon Relations of Robberies and Murders. But by other Accounts from thence we are informed, that that Court is very attentive upon taking, in Conjunction with the Allies of Hanover, the Methods as are judged most requisite under the present Juncture. S. S. Stock, 98.

Some Letters from Madrid by the French Mail say, the Spaniards have ordered 3 Men of War to the W. Indies.

Sir Charles Wager arrived in Town this Afternoon.

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From the Whitehall Evening-Post, Octob. 29.

Vienna, Oct. 23. 'Tis said the Ministers of G. Britain, France and another Potentate, have dispatched Expresses to their respective Courts, to inform them of a certain Declaration that has been made to them in a Conference they had with our Ministers.

London, Nov. 3. The Marquis of Annandale set out Yesterday on his Travels to Italy.

Left Thursday the Convocation was further prorogued to the 20th of January next.

Tuesday last died Dr. Keith, a Physician.

We hear that an Express lately arrived from Colonel Stanhope at Madrid, has brought the Patent of the Duke of Wharton, which he sold for 20 Pistoles to Mr. Dumbarr the English Consul, by a formal Act signed before 3 Witnesses.

From the Evening Post, Nov. 3.

Messina, Oct. 7. A Council was lately held here, for establishing a Company by way of Subscription; and as I am informed, their Design is to supply all Parts of Turkey with wrought Silks, and to exclude others but those who are concerned in the said Company, any of the Products of the Levant into this Place: Both which have always hitherto been common to all those who would carry them on.

Paris, Nov. 9. They write from Lions, that the two Highwaymen who robb'd and murdered the Courier of that City, have been broke alive upon the Wheel: The Postmasters of Ville Franche and la Maison Blanch, who were Confederates with them, received what they stole and supplied them with Horses, were hanged; They declared that the Gang consists of 30, 4 of whom are already taken, and Hue and Crie is sent all over the Kingdom after the rest.

London, Nov. 3. Mark Pringle, Esq; is appointed his Majesty's Consul at Seville in Spain, in room of David Foulis, Esq; who died there lately.

On Thursday died at the King's Palace at Kensington Mr. Mahomet, one of his Majesty's domestic Servants.

There is certain Advice, that last Tuesday Sir Charles Wager with the Squadron under his Command, was seen off Harwich; and that one Man of War was dispatched from thence for the Downs, and the rest were going for the Nore, where 'tis believed they arrived Yesterday-morning, the Wind being very fair.

On Tuesday Sir John Jennings was at Kensington, to give his Majesty an Account of his Voyage to the Streights.

S. S. Stock is 98, 3 8ths. Annuities 92, 1 half. India 132, 1 half. Bank 120, 1 half. York Buildings, 10.

Edinburgh, Nov. 8. Two Women are now upon Trial before the Lords of Justiciary, for the Murder of their own Babes.

ADVERTISEMENT.

¶ The Members of the Society for Improving in the Knowledge of Agriculture, are hereby advertised to attend the Quarterly Meeting of the said Society, against Friday the 11th Inst. at 5 a'clock in the Afternoon, in the House of James Cassie Vintner near the Tolbooth of Edinburgh.

¶ The Arbiters for the Creditors of the deceased Thomas Kincaid Residenter in Edinburgh, give Notice, That the Piece of Waste Ground, at the Foot of Carrubers Close, and Stone Dikes surrounding the same, with the Tenements on the West thereof, below Mrs. Hay's, which pertained to the said Thomas Kincaid; Are to be exposed to Sale by a voluntary Roup, upon Thursday the tenth Day of November, 1726, betwixt the Hours of two and four in the Afternoon, in the House of Patrick Herdman Vintner in Edinburgh. And that the Progress, Rental and Articles of Roup, are to be seen in the Hands of John Stewart Writer to the Signet, in his Office immediately above the Royal Coffee-house.

¶ That upon Thursday the 24th of November Inst. betwixt the Hours of 10 & 12 before Noon, there is to be sett in Tack by way of publick Roup, within the House of Robert Colquhoun at Milburn of Touch, for the Space of Nine Years, the PARKS OF TOUCH, consisting of sixty Acres of fine Kerse Ground in seven Divisions, whereof five are Meadow Ground: As also Fourteen Acres of fine Dry-field Ground not inclosed, in whole or in Parcels, lying in the Parish of St. Ninian's, two Miles West from Stirling.

The Articles and Conditions of Roup may be seen in the Hands of the said Robert Colquhoun any Day before the Roup.

¶ That there is to be sold good Piermonnt Water, at the Shop of Robert Lindsay Merchant, opposite to the Trone Church, and at John Trail's Merchant opposite to the Luckenbooths, at 22 d. the Bottle, and in Dozens at 20 sh. Sterling.

¶ Notice is hereby given by the MANAGERS of the Fishing Copartnery, That they are to Expose to publick Sale by Roup, at their Office in the Lawn market of Edinburgh, upon Thursday the Tenth of November Inst. at 3 in the Afternoon, the Lands and Fishertoun of PETERHEAD with the Pertinents and others, belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Parish of Peterhead and Shire of Aberdeen; the yearly Rental whereof amounts to 191 Bolls and 2 Pecks of Bear, 199 Bolls, 2 Pecks and one 3d of Meal, 2 Bolls of Oats, and L 80, 4; 3. 1 6th sterl. of Money-rent and Feu duties, being the neat free Rent, over and above the Minister's Stipend. Item, The Feus of 37 Houses in Stonehaven, and Fish-boats in the said Town, also belonging to the said Copartnery, lying in the Sheriffdom of Kincardine; the free Rent whereof amounts in all to L 7, 12, 6 sterl. Any Person who intends to bid for the above Purchase, may see the Particulars of the Rental, the Copartnery's Right, and the Conditions of Sale, at the Copartnery's Office.